

DESCRIPTION AMENDMENTS

Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority under 35 USC 119 of United Kingdom Patent Application No. 0221984.8 filed September 21, 2002.

Rewrite paragraph [0034] to read as follows:

~~BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS~~

Preferably a financial transaction or credit check is effected before allowing execution of the predetermined function.

Rewrite paragraph [0035] to read as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Embodiments of the present invention will now be described in more detail, by way of example only, and with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 illustrates a wireless device by means of which the present invention may be implemented and on which protected software is to be run;

Fig. 2 illustrates part of a server with which the wireless device of Fig. 1 communicates during implementation of the invention;

Figs. 3a and 3b illustrate simplified sequences of steps for enabling execution of the protected software; and

Figs. 4a and 5b respectively illustrate the locations at which the various steps of the sequences of Figs. 4a and 4b, respectively, take place.

Rewrite paragraph [0047] to read as follows:

In this example, the created identifier 1234 is sent by means of the transceiver 22 over the wireless network 26 to the server 10B. Alternatively, the identifier could be sent internally of the device 10A to the authorising means, or externally by human intervention. The authorisation means, in this case the server 10B, receives the identifier from the device 10A and operates on it by means of the predetermined function module 42. In this example, the module 42 applies a function illustrated as g, at 48, to return a value derived from the received identifier (1234 in this example) and here called the derived identifier. In this example, and purely for purposes of

example, the derived identifier is shown as WXYZ. Thus, $g(1234) = WXYZ$.

Rewrite paragraph [0052] to read as follows:

The derived identifier serves as input to the enabling module 38 which, in this example, executes a further function h on the derived identifier, at 50. The function h is devised to recover the ~~identifier 28~~ created identifier from the derived identifier. Thus, $h(WXYZ) = 1234$. Function h is the inverse of function g .